

To Protect the Health of Our Livestock

A. Interstate Livestock Entry Permit. Prior to entering CA, all swine including pet and research swine require a permit from the Animal Health Branch, valid for 15 days. The owner's name, physical address and telephone number are required. Call 916-651-6278 for permits.

Exceptions: Swine moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.



B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). A CVI is required for all swine including pet and research swine. A statement is required on the CVI of: "No Pseudorabies vaccine used in the herd."

Exceptions: Swine moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility

C. Official Identification. All swine require official identification.

1. Breeder* and Feeder** Swine require:

- Official ear tags***, metal or plastic.
- Ear notches, *if recorded in a Purebred Registry Association book.*
- Tattoos on the ear or inner flank, *if recorded in a Purebred Registry Association book.*
- Ear tags or tattoos bearing the premises' identification number**** and a unique number from the producer's identification system.
- Any other device or means approved for use by CDFA or USDA.



2. Slaughter Swine require:

- Official ear tags, metal or plastic.
- Ear notches, *if recorded in a Purebred Registry Association book.*
- Tattoos on the ear or inner flank, *if recorded in a Purebred Registry Association book.*
- Ear tags or tattoos bearing the premises' identification number.

- Any other device or means approved for use by CDFA or USDA.
- Official swine tattoo, which will be retained and visible on the carcass after slaughter.
- Tattoos of at least four characters, except for sows and boars.
- USDA back tags.

Exceptions: Swine that are born and raised on the same premises, moved together as a group and not mixed with other swine and slaughtered one after the other.

Pet and research swine: all types of ID listed under breeder and feeder swine are acceptable, as well as any activated electronic identification device.

NOTE: If moving swine from a state that is not class free for Swine Brucellosis or Pseudorabies, please contact the Animal Health Branch permit desk at 916-651-6278 for additional requirements.

***Breeder Swine-** sexually intact swine over six months of age.

****Feeder Swine-** swine under six months of age that are not moving directly to slaughter.

*****Official ear tag-** identification ear tag approved by APHIS or CDFA as tamper resistant, providing unique identification for each animal, and conforming to the alpha-numeric National Uniform Eartagging System.

******Premises Identification Number-** number assigned by the State Animal Health Official or the National Animal Identification System to the premises on which the swine originated.

Swine imported for purposes other than breeding, feeding, or slaughter: may have additional requirements; please contact the Animal Health Branch permit desk.

CDFA Animal Health Branch	
Sacramento (HQ)	916-654-1447
Permit Line	916-651-6278
USDA/APHIS/VS 916-854-3900 or 877-741-3690	
Livestock Movement Website:	
http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/permits.htm	